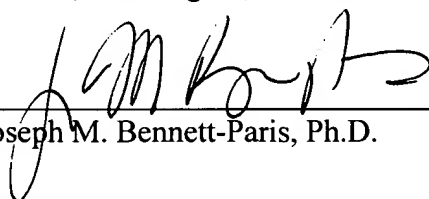




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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2001, in the above referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Abstract

Please replace the abstract with the following text:

-- A method is disclosed for determining whether a compound binds to a lipoprotein such as LDL or VLDL in a manner which will lower plasma cholesterol. The method provided includes assessing the ability of the compound to form a complex with the lipoprotein, and then determining whether the newly formed complex causes a change in the structure of apoB-100 that results in increased binding affinity to an LDL receptor.--